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Department
of Correction



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AT WORK



Commissioner Lantz Sworn In

In an ornate wood paneled room at the State Capitol, with her sister Madeline by her side and a dozen friends and colleagues invited for the occasion, Theresa C. Lantz was officially



sworn in by Governor John Rowland on November 18, 2003, as the sixth Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction. The festive ceremony, which also saw other new state commissioners receive the oath of office, capped an already impressive 28-year career in the field of corrections for Commissioner Lantz. Governor Rowland took great pride in detailing her resume which began with the position of line officer with the Washington D.C. Department of Corrections.

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Armstrong Serves in Iraq

Among the members of the Connecticut Department of Correction family who are now courageously serving our country in the Middle East is former Commissioner John Armstrong. He is acting as a civilian advisor with the United States government and is assisting Iraq in restructuring its corrections system. The latest on Commissioner Armstrong comes to us from Officer Shirley Lambert of Northern CI, who herself is serving our country with the U.S. military while stationed in Baghdad. Here is her latest report:

I just thought I would let everyone know who just happens to be over here. I spent some time with the former Commissioner of Corrections, John Armstrong.

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(L-R) Former Commissioner John Armstrong and Officer Shirley Lambert in Iraq

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community re-integration

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Her work with the Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, as an instructor in the state college system and as the warden of three high security facilities in Connecticut, York CI, Corrigan CI and the New Haven Correctional



Center, was also highlighted by the Governor. He additionally pointed out that Lantz is one of only a handful of women overseeing correction agencies across the country. She is the first women corrections commissioner in Connecticut. Commissioner Lantz in return expressed her gratitude to the Governor for his selection of her to run the agency and for the confidence he has exhibited in her abilities by ensuring she had full authority to choose her management team.

Iraq, Cont'd

He was trying to recruit me into staying in Iraq as a civilian. I laugh, but for those who would like to come over here, he is recruiting.

He indicated that the prisons over here are far worse than anyone could describe. One story that he was telling me was that Saddam had locked-up the prisoners and basically walked away and left them there to die. Mr. Armstrong was in the Al-Rasheed Hotel when the mortar rounds hit the hotel. He came out of it without a scratch. Armstrong indicated that he was not going to be hindered by the terrorist act that occurred and went back into the hotel to stay.

It's been quiet here, except for a few mortar rounds going off and the little bit of gunfire we hear at night. But, that is the norm and we're quite used to it. Loud noises seem to have us all in a bunch, but we're surviving and will be home before we know it.

Thanks for all your support back at home. While I was on rest and relaxation, I ran into Lieutenant Maggio's (HCC) daughter in Qatar. She wanted to say hello to her dad, and that she misses everyone back at home.



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Armstrong Scholarship Awarded

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The University of New Haven has announced that John Vincent Lahda is the first recipient of the John J. Armstrong Endowed Scholarship. Lahda is the son of Major John Lahda of the Garner Correctional Institution. The 19-year-old freshman is enrolled in the Criminal Justice/Investigative Science program at the West Haven campus. He is an avid golfer having played on the International Junior Golf Tour and has done extensive community service work through his school and church, including volunteering with the Greater Hartford Jaycees and the Special Olympics. The \$1,000 award is funded through DOC fund raising efforts such as the Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament and is also supported through a contribution by the University of New Haven. It is open to all DOC dependants who attend the school.



(L-R) John Vincent Lahda, John Lahda Jr. (Retired DOC)
and Major John Lahda of Garner CI

Employee Recognition Ceremony

DOC staff around the agency held ceremonies to recognize the employee's who had played an integral role in all aspects of facility operations. Warden Higgins and Warden Martin stressed that "Teamwork is the cornerstone for insuring that PRIDE is manifested throughout the facility on a daily basis."

The following were the award recipients:

Bergin CI

Employee of the Year:	GMO Roland Shores
Supervisor of the Year:	Deputy Warden Kelly Smayda
Officers of the Year:	Paul Saucier & Dale Hallstrom
Counselor of the Year:	Tomest Maskell
Unit of the Year:	Operations- Shift Lieutenants
Teacher of the Year:	Elizabeth Peterson-Blinn
Circle of Merit:	C/O Freddie Oliveras

In addition to those awards, the facility also gave special recognition to the following staff for their role as servicemen: C/O's Paul Saucier, Eric Gilchrist, John Arigno and Robert Cavin.

Brooklyn CI

Employee of the Year:	MS Thomas Lepine
Manager of the Year:	Captain Michael Murphy
Supervisor of the Year:	Lieutenant Stephen Phaia
Officer of the Year:	Scott Santerre
Units of the Year:	Classification/Records & Education
Circle of Merit:	Counselor Thomas Feliciano

Special recognition for their roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom were awarded to: C/O's William Radel and Alan Ferraro.

Toys for Tots



In the spirit of holiday giving, the Connecticut Department of Correction has partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps to collect new, unwrapped toys for the "2003 - Marine Toys for Tots" campaign.

In the interest of time, we are coordinating our first pick-up the week of December 15th. Collection boxes are located in the lobby and in Cafe 24 at Central Office.

If you have any questions, or would like additional details, please feel free to call Melissa Thompson at 860. 692.7852.

Thank you in advance for your charitable donations.

Life After Incarceration Training



In line with the Department's new Mission Statement that stresses, "opportunities that support successful community integration," training was recently held for staff who will be

teaching a program entitled Life after Incarceration to the inmate population. The pre-release program provides instruction meant to reduce recidivism and prepare individuals for their return to society. The curriculum includes social, educational, vocational interpersonal knowledge and parenting skills meant to reinforce and support successful rehabilitation and reintegration. Each of the participants received training and an instruction manual. This program has been conducted at Gates CI and York CI. Other facilities including Corrigan Radgowski CC are in the process of implementing the lesson plan.

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Carving Demo



CFSSII Carl Vaughn recently showed off his master turkey carving techniques as staff at Central Office gathered tips before the Thanksgiving holiday.

DOC Assists in Fugitive Capture

A former Bristol man sought in connection with the 1998 arson death of his mother has been apprehended in Florida through the assistance of the Connecticut Department of Correction. Charles "Buddy" Beavers was taken into custody after a Miami police officer consulted DOC photos of Beavers' distinctive tattoos. Beavers, a former police officer was wanted for the December 1998 fire which gutted the family home and



killed his mother Wilma. He'd become a fugitive after failing to appear in Superior Court in December 2000. Bristol Police had turned to the America's Most Wanted television show to locate the accused killer. As part of the story on Beavers, photographs of his tattoos, obtained from the DOC CAPI system were displayed. A citizen in Miami tipped police to Beavers, who was living under a boardwalk. The arresting officer said it was after checking the tattoo photographs on the America's Most Wanted website that Beaver's identity was confirmed and the arrest was made.



Operation Fill the Pantry

Through a coordinated food drive effort, the staff at MYI collected more than 25 bags of groceries during the month of September. The collection efforts



(L-R) SST's: Trish Williams, Susan McKenna and Olivia Varanai

were made more successful through vividly decorated collection containers created by State School Teachers Trish Williams, Susan McKenna and Olivia Varanai. Having no specific recipient for the food identified at the onset, coincidental timing brought a local food bank sponsored through Saint Bridget's Church in Cheshire into the picture. After displaying their collection container for an additional week, 12 more bags of groceries were donated. The 35 plus bags were delivered to Saint Bridget's on October 30th by Officer Costantino. The Saint Bridget's food bank serves people of all faiths and walks of life.

Congrats



The MIS Unit is pleased to announce the birth of Grace Julia, daughter of Beth Baines and John D'Angelo. Grace, born on November 17, weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. Mom, dad and baby are doing well!



Director Miele, CTU staff, Warden Sieminski and the CRCI staff wish to congratulate Lt. Carl Davis and his wife CC Carlene Pape Davis on the birth of their son, Mason Vernon Davis. Grandmother, Nan Pape, works in the Payroll Unit at Central Office. Mason was born on October 30, weighing in at 8 lbs 7 oz.

Donation of Time

Officer Bruce Smith of the New Haven CC, who has been out since June 2003 due to a long term illness, is in need of donated time. Staff members wishing to donate time may contact Capt. Martinez, Lt. Knox or Officer Dunmore at 203.974.4111.



Employee Assistance Program

A Confidential Counseling Service

888-EAP-8900

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Wanted:



Director Richard Miele has announced new members are being sought for the Department's Honor Guard and Bagpipe and Drum Band Unit.

Interested employees may contact Honor Guard Commander, Lieutenant Tony Cusano at Manson Youth Institution, 203.806.2500, or Director Miele at Central Office, 860.692.7506, to be placed on an interview list.

Closing date is December 22, 2003. Interviews will be conducted shortly thereafter.

Interested employees are encouraged to review Administrative Directive 2.16, Honor Guard and Bagpipe and Drum Band for eligibility requirements.

D.O.C. uniformed members must have a minimum service of three years to be eligible for the Honor Guard.

Any member of the D.O.C. (does not have to be uniformed) with a minimum service of one (1) year is eligible for the Pipe and Drum Band Unit.

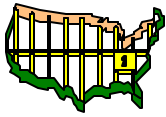
All interested candidates are requested to include their **date of hire** on their letter of interest and/or resume.

Supervised Population

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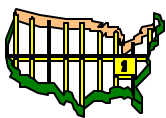
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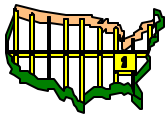
Michigan- State prison inmates filed a billion-dollar federal lawsuit over a phone system requirement that \$50 accounts be set up to receive inmate calls.



Iowa- Deer meat donated by hunters has been added to the menu at five prisons in the form of venison stew and spaghetti and deer meatballs.



California- The state's prison population is expected to drop by 15,000 next year, the result of budget cutting measures that will close facilities.



New York- A former assistant deputy warden has been sentenced to three years for his part in the theft of a \$250,000 work of art from the facility.

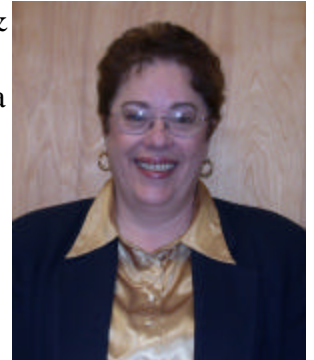
Johnson, Bruce CC
Krochko, Ann
Roche, Dennis Capt
Schmidt, Kevin Lt
Shaw, Matthew C/O
Matthewson, Rachelle
McKenna, Susan SST
Palliardi, Heidi CC
Varanai, Olivia SST
Williams, Trish SST
Wozdusiewicz, Michael C/O

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Welcome

Pat Ottolini, Director of Health & Addiction Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Wanda White-Lewis to the position of Correctional Health Services Program Director.



She will be a valued member of the Health & Addiction Services team. Wanda has a varied background. She is a registered nurse, has a bachelor's degree in business and a masters degree in Health Care Administration. In her career, she has worked in hospital settings as a clinical nurse, in such areas as Intensive Care and Medical/Surgical units. She has 15 years experience as a manger in hospital administration. She has devoted time to teaching Medical Assistant students and has a solid background in Long Term Care.

Years of Service

Employee with 30 Years of Service for October 2003

Bourn, Jacqueline	Executive Secretary	CO
Cain, Elizabeth	Corr ID Record Specialist	GCI

Employee with 20 Years of Service for October 2003

Carroll, David	Correctional Captain	CO
Jackson, Willie	Correctional Officer	CRCI
Leissner, Susan	Correctional Officer	YCI
Mattson, William	Correctional Officer	CRCC
Muratore, Anthony	Correctional Officer	Brgn CI
Ross, Rose	Administrative Assistant	YCI
Santana, Angel	Correctional Officer	MYI



Director Mary Johnson's Executive Secretary, Jacqueline Bourn, recently celebrated 30 Years of Service with the department.

Recent MVP award recipients:

Addison, Michael C/O	MWCI
Berube, Wendy Clk Typist	MWCI
Beswick, David C/O	CRCI
Carpeneing, Cynthia Lt	MYI
Domizio, Jody	MYI
Dugan, Cariann C/O	MYI
Faryniarz, Raymond C/O	MYI
Gadson, Linda C/S	MWCI
Genua, Matthew C/O	CTU
Galotti, Chris	MYI
Hansen, Jean SST	BCI
Jiminez, David Lt	CRCI

Calendar

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December 12



The MacDougall-Walker CI will host their Annual Holiday Party at LaNotte Restaurant which is located at 17 Thompson Road in East Windsor from 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased by December 5th. The meal includes Baked Chicken, London Broil & Stuffed Sole. DJ Rodriguez will provide music. Tickets can be obtained by contacting any QWL member.

December 12



The Hartford CC will host their Annual Holiday Gathering at Jacqueline's in Plainville beginning at 6:00p.m. A single ticket is \$40 and a pair is \$75. Meal selections include Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala or Stuffed Shrimp. Open Bar is included for the entire evening. Tickets must be purchased by December 5th. DJ David Ortiz will provide music. Tickets can be obtained by contacting any QWL member or by contacting Ms. Scarlett at 860. 240.1883.

December 17



The Cheshire CI Holiday Party will be held at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville from 6:30 - 12:00. Tickets are priced at \$46.00 includes dinner, dancing and a three hour open bar. Tickets can be purchased by calling Rec. Supervisor Floser at 203.250.2600 x2057 or Lt. Barnes at 203.250.2665.

December 19



MCTSD will host its Annual DOC Holiday Gathering on December 19 from 2 - 8 p.m. This family oriented event includes a visit from Santa, face painting, magic, storytelling and a full buffet. You may also share in the spirit of the season by donating an unwrapped gift to help support CT's Big Brothers Big Sisters Programs.

December 20



A Holiday Party at LaRenaissance will be held on Saturday, December 20th from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. The evening will include music by DJ Unique with a dinner buffet to be served between 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and must be purchased by December 12th. For tickets contact: Major Feliciano at CRCI, Major Quiros at Cheshire CI, Major Irizarry at Bridgeport CC, Captain Luna at MacDougall Walker CI and Officer Morales at Central Office

January 16



Put on your bellbottom jeans and big hair to party with the staff of the Cheshire CI as they invite you to join them for an evening of fun and dancing at the "Blast From the Past Old School Party II" to be held on January 16, 2004 at the Elks Lodge, 87 Webster Street, New Haven CT. The cost of \$10.00 per person includes food and music by DJ Dave Chambers. (70's and 80's Dress Attire Theme) For tickets contact: Lt. Freeman or Lt. Barnes at 203.250.2665, C/O Dirmy Mack at 435.5852 or C/O Hudson, C/O Smith or C/O Hasan at 203.250.2690.

Job Well Done

Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano sent a letter to Commissioner Lantz commending Connecticut Department of Correction for their outstanding work on Operation Save Our Neighborhoods. Operation S.O.N. drew on the very best that the Connecticut law enforcement and criminal justice community has to offer, and its success was a direct result of the cooperation of all the participating agencies.

